

Minutes of the Veneta Park Board

June 5, 2013

Board Members

Present: Cal Beach, Cathy Coulson Keegan, Elmira Louie, Dennis Paronto, and Carol Petty

Others: Brittany Boothe, City Council Liaison; Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Kyle Schauer, Public Works Director and Chris Workman, City Recorder

Vice Chair Dennis Paronto called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Introductions - Attendees introduced themselves and welcomed new member Carol Petty.

I. Public Comment
None

II. Approve Minutes for May 1, 2013
Cathy made a motion to approve the May 1, 2013 minutes, Cal seconded, all approved.

III. Old Business (status of)

1. Welcome new member Carol Petty and returning member Elmira Louie
Dennis formally welcomed the two new members to the committee.
2. Earth Day Follow up
Dennis suggested that Marie was going to follow up with the school and schedule a meeting to discuss how they thought the Earth Day event went. Ric Ingham agreed to check the status of the meeting with the school district.

IV. Event Planning

1. June Summer Solstice and August Movie Night at Veneta Community Pool
Dennis commented on the article in the paper about the pool's opening and the activities planned for this summer.

Elmira said she contacted Stacy Cornelius, the pool manager, but she was unaware of what the plans were at that time.

Ric explained that the Summer Solstice party is June 21st and the hope was that a handful of activities could be planned that would keep kids engaged. Teen Night is scheduled for July 19th and Flick 'n Float, a family movie night, is scheduled for August 17th. Chris Workman has been working with Stacy and said they could use help for all of these events, especially the Summer Solstice. He said there are many opportunities to help with.

In response to a question from Dennis, Chris said the Summer Solstice will run from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ric added that in overhearing Stacy and Chris pencil out plans it sounds like food, music and some games or activities would be involved.

Dennis suggested any Park board members who plan to volunteer for any of the pool events to please wear their Park Board shirts.

In response to a question from Carol, Ric said that we have more Park Board shirts stored at the community center and offered to get her a shirt. He added that he had brought up the event because the Board had previously asked what that next summer event would be.

Cathy volunteered to assist with the Flick and Float event and see what she could do to help.

Dennis said he would be gone that night but would be around to help out during the day. He asked Elmira if she could help Cathy with the Flick 'n Float and she agreed.

Cathy remembered that she will be attending the Farmers' Market that day but she could still help out in preparation.

Dennis said he would get Stacy's contact information to Cathy and Elmira.

In response to a question from Cathy, Kyle said letting kids volunteer in trade for a pass for the pool has the potential to become a logistics nightmare to have a supervisor oversee all the work at all times.

Cathy suggested a one-day park cleanup event. If the kids show up and do a certain number of hours they would get a pool pass.

Kyle said we could look at a program like that if it was organized well.

Ric said many youth are working hard and doing well, but we're not seeing a lot of kids wanting to get involved in community service. Additionally, we see a real drop off for youth over 13 years old. We see a lot of children taking advantage of lessons at the pool but not a lot of teenagers.

Cathy suggested a family service project event.

Ric said from a staff perspective, we really look at trying to key in on 3-4 signature events a year and recruit as much support for those 3-4 events as possible.

In response to a question from Cathy, Dennis suggested she contact Marie about storing the pine cones.

2. Harvest Festival – September 14th

Elmira volunteered to help out with the planning this year along with Penny Lacky.

Dennis added that the event is scheduled for Sept 14th and the opening for the Fern Ridge Service Center is scheduled to take place that weekend as well. He said he also heard that the Chili cook-off will also take place again this year.

In response to a question from Elmira, Dennis said that the Board would have a booth at the festival again and that he didn't see anything changing from what we did last year.

In response to a question from Elmira, Cathy said there was no competition last year; there were things to color and we gave away soda and other things.

In response to a question from Carol, Dennis said that last year's event was the same as the one two years ago.

3. Fern Ridge Service Center landscaping in October

Ric explained that the Park Board is also the Tree Board and has to do some type of tree planting each year in order to keep the City's Tree City designation. With the savings on the Service Center, it looks as if we'll be able to afford to purchase and plant all the trees and

bushes, etc. which leaves the Board still looking for an event to plant trees at. He proposed having Kay Bork come to the next meeting to discuss some possible projects.

Cathy suggested that because many trees have recently been removed from parks due to disease or storms the Board should consider adding some deciduous trees to the parks.

Ric said he would add it to the list of projects. He said a lot of those trees become hazard trees and with all the playground equipment around we want to be careful with what kind of trees we plant and where they are planted.

V. New Business

1. Adoption of the 2013-14 Park Board Goals

Dennis read through the proposed goals and explained the thought process that went into developing them.

In response to a question from Carol, Dennis said the event binders are left here at City Hall or kept by the board member overseeing that event while it is being planned. You can come get them at any time to look through them. The idea is to not have to reinvent the wheel every year.

In response to a question from Carol, Ric said when an Adopt A Park application gets submitted it should include a proposed work plan. Depending on what the group wants to be involved in, Kyle will work with the group to provide any training and resources needed.

Ric said that as the City wraps up the pipeline and Service Center, we are looking at what our park master plan and transportation plan look like as far as bike and foot paths are concerned. There will most likely be more focus on these issues in the near future and the City will look to the Park Board for recommendations and support.

Cathy made a motion to accept the new Park Board Goals. Cal seconded, all approved.

VI. Other

Ric said the recommended appointments to Park Board positions will probably go before Council later in the month.

There was a discussion on whether to hold the July Park Board meeting since it was so close to the Independence Day holiday.

Cathy made a motion to cancel the July meeting, Elmira seconded, all approved.

Cathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Elmira seconded, all approved.

VI. Next Meeting – August 7, 2013